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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement mailed September 26, 2002, applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 3-9, without traverse. A preliminary amendment is submitted herewith adding additional claims, to round out the scope of coverage sought by applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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